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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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Officer nearly struck by car, fires at driver wanted in arrest warrant *Suspect critical, but stable*

A Howard County police officer who was nearly struck by a car driven by a wanted subject fired at the vehicle, striking the driver, who is in critical but stable condition at Shock Trauma.

The officer was called to the 7200 block of Fawn Crossing Drive in Clarksville around 3:15 a.m. when a resident reported that an unknown suspicious vehicle was parked in his driveway. When the officer arrived, the car was unoccupied and the officer called for a tow truck.

Around 4:30 a.m., the officer spotted a man walking along the street toward the vehicle, and the man advised that he was the driver. The officer learned that the man was wanted in an open arrest warrant related to an auto theft case. The man then jumped into the car and drove directly at the officer, who fired one shot, striking the suspect.

The officer, a 10-year veteran of the police department, was not injured. The suspect is a 38-year-old man from Prince George's County. It is unclear at this time why he was in the residential Clarksville neighborhood in the middle of the night. The investigation is ongoing.

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